





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Komeyama et al.

Serial No.: 10/660,754

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: September 12, 2003 **Examiner:** Gregory John Binda

For: CROSS JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-37 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification, drawings, and claims 1-4 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 7-37 are added. Claims 5 and 6 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Of the remaining claims, claims 1 and 16 are independent.

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